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June 5th,
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American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago we designed for a Banking Room a large fixture and embodied in the design some medallions representing old Roman coins. The motifs were taken from the coins submitted herewith.

The bank is very much interested in knowing the history of these coins and have asked us to send them a description. Unfortunately, we have no knowledge of such matters and told the bank that we took our suggestions from these coins without knowing their denomination, age, value, etc., thinking that they would be satisfied with this explanation.

However, we are now again asked to procure the data, and not knowing where to go to we take the liberty of approaching you for advice. Could you give us the information required, or direct us to someone where we might be able to obtain the same?

With thanks in advance for your courtesy in this matter, we are

Respectfully yours,

Edward F. Caldwell & Co Inc.

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June 5th, 1922.

Edward F. Caldwell & Co., Inc.,
36-40 West 15th Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

In response to your letter of June 5th I beg to advise that the coins you have submitted are, with one exception, Roman bronzes, but of those of the late imperial pieces the inscriptions are so imperfect that it is impossible to identify them.

Of the others, there are six imperial pieces, the earlier of which appears to be a middle bronze of Domitian. There is also a middle bronze of Diocletian, and bronze pieces of Maxentius, Probus, Licinius and Constatine.

The last piece seems to be a reproduction of a French coin - I think it is a coin of Louis XII.

Unfortunately our Curator is absent, and I regret that we can not give you more exact information although I trust that this will meet your needs.

Very truly yours,

Secretary